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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Luncheon with Stewart Udall, Secretary of Interior,  
Tuesday, 27 June 1961

1. This luncheon originated with a suggestion made to the undersigned by James Carr, Under Secretary of Interior, that there were several matters which Secretary Udall was interested in which he would like to discuss with us. The Director wrote him a letter inviting him and he came to lunch bringing the following with him:

James Carr	-	Under Secretary
Kenneth Holum	-	Water and Power
Frank Briggs	-	Fish and Wildlife
John Carver	-	Land Management
John Kelly	-	Mineral Resources

CIA was represented by the following:

Allen W. Dulles	-	Director
General Cabell	-	Deputy Director
Colonel White	-	DD/S
Dr. Kent	-	ONE
Dr. Guthe	-	DD/I
Matthew Baird	-	OTR
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Lyman Kirkpatrick	-	Cover & Comm. Staff
	-	Inspector General

2. During the course of the luncheon the Secretary mentioned the fact that he was exceedingly concerned that the Russians might take over all of our research on the desalinization of water, devote a greater effort to it and produce commercial importable water which would be made available to the under-developed and under-irrigated countries of the world before the United States. He pointed out that in effect the President in one of his speeches had said that this was an important breakthrough area, and noted that the United States was

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spending only about \$60,000 a year at the present time on water research and that in his opinion it ought to be about 100 times this large. There was also discussion of the Soviet economic warfare in petroleum and Secretary Udall was very concerned at their under-selling western petroleum in Western Europe. There was talk of the pipelines that the Soviets were building with the help of the Italian, Mattei. The DCI commented that in his discussion with Fanfani they had talked about inviting Mattei to the United States. He also said that this might irritate certain U. S. oil interests but that he had always felt that the United States had lost an opportunity to have Mattei as a friend but perhaps he still could be cultivated. Secretary Udall said that perhaps he was the one that should invite Mattei to the United States. There was also discussion, both at lunch and in the DCI's office before lunch, on Secretary Udall's interest in Soviet hydro-electric transmission practices. Under Secretary Carr explained that in the United States we did not send much more than 325,000 volts over transmission lines, but that it was known that the Russians had sent twice this much or more. The Secretary of Interior is very interested in studying Soviet techniques and is contemplating a trip to the Soviet Union in September. Secretary Udall said on two occasions that he would welcome some experts from this Agency to go along with him.

3. During the briefing session Mr. Udall touched on all of the above subjects briefly and also discussed the problem of fisheries in which there is considerable interest in the Department of Interior with particular reference to the possibility that the USSR might join the Fishing Agreement that currently exists between the United States, Canada and Japan in regard to the fishing fields in the North Pacific. There was also some discussion of whether we were aware of Interior Department officials who went abroad and whether we had an opportunity to brief them in advance.

4. In the Director's office there was discussion of [redacted]  
Assistant Secretary Carver had just returned from [redacted]

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
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